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Memorandum

TO: Operations Committee

DATE: December 4, 2009

FR: Executive Director

W. I. 1229

RE: Contract - Regional Transportation Emergency Preparedness Exercise: URS Corporation

Staff recommends that the Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designated representative to negotiate and enter into a sole source contract with URS Corporation to design, conduct and evaluate the May 18, 2010 regional transportation emergency preparedness exercise.

Background

In October 2008, the Operations Committee approved a contract to EG&G Technical Services, Inc. (a Division of URS Corporation), in the amount of \$473,900, for consultant services to develop a four-year emergency preparedness exercise program. This program would include the conduct and evaluation of regional tabletop and functional exercises designed to test the region's transportation agencies' coordinated response to an emergency. Due to EG&G's consistent inability to retain core team staff assigned to the project, MTC staff terminated the EG&G contract for convenience in November 2009.

On May 18, 2010, in coordination with the Statewide Golden Guardian exercise, MTC plans to conduct a region-wide emergency preparedness transportation exercise. At the request of the participants, we did not conduct a regional exercise last year to allow transportation agencies sufficient time to implement their improvement plans. There is insufficient time to procure and execute a new contract, and plan an exercise before May 18th. Without consultant support, MTC does not have staff resources to develop a comprehensive exercise plan. This would result in a second consecutive year in which no regional transportation functional exercise would be conducted. This would significantly disrupt the regional transportation agencies' planning efforts that are essential to ensuring agency readiness.

URS Corporation has extensive knowledge and familiarity with the region's emergency planning efforts and recently supported EG&G with the planning processes that are currently underway. Through their prior work, URS has acquired knowledge of emergency planning in the region that is unique to their firm. Entering into a sole source agreement with URS for the May 18, 2010 exercise would ensure an experienced exercise team is in place for the conduct of the regional exercise. Following the May 18, 2010 regional exercise, MTC staff will issue a new request for proposal for consultant assistance for future exercises. The next exercise is scheduled for May 18, 2010.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designated representative to negotiate and enter into a sole source contract with URS Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, to design, conduct and evaluate the May 18, 2010 regional transportation emergency preparedness exercise.

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REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Contract

Work Item No.: 1229

Consultant: URS Corporation
Oakland, CA

Work Project Title: Regional Transportation Emergency Preparedness Exercise

Purpose of Project: Provide support for conduct of May 18, 2010 regional exercise.

Brief Scope of Work: Assist with the design, conduct and evaluation of the region-wide emergency preparedness exercise.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$150,000

Funding Sources: MTC General Funds

Fiscal Impact: Funds included in FY 2009-10 MTC budget

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with URS Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for assistance with the conduct of the 2010 regional exercise, and the Chief Financial Officer is directed to set aside funds up to \$150,000 for such Contract.

Operations Committee:

Amy Rein Worth, Chair

Approved: Date: December 11, 2009